

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An elevator car assembly comprising:
a frame including a plurality of uprights and a plank beam between the uprights;
and
a platform adjustably supported upon said frame, said platform being selectively adjustable relative to said frame to select an amount of the platform that is positioned on each of opposite sides of the uprights for balancing said assembly.
2. (Currently Amended) The elevator car assembly as recited in claim 1, ~~wherein said frame includes a plank beam that is attached to an upright secured near each end of said plank beam and comprising at least one brace mounted between said platform and said upright at~~ least one of said uprights, said brace stabilizing said platform in a selected position relative to said plank beam.
3. (Currently Amended) The elevator car assembly as recited in claim 2, wherein said brace includes a slot and ~~a corresponding~~ the one of said uprights supports a member that is received in said slot, said member is operative to secure said brace in a selected position relative to said upright.
4. (Previously Presented) The elevator car assembly as recited in claim 2, wherein said brace comprises a steel sheet.
5. (Previously Presented) The elevator car assembly as recited in claim 2, comprising a plurality of braces mounted in a substantially V-shaped orientation between said platform and said upright.

6. (Previously Presented) The elevator car assembly as recited in claim 5, wherein said braces are secured to said upright by a single fastener.

7. (Previously Presented) The elevator car assembly as recited in claim 5, wherein each of said braces includes said slot and said member comprises a fastener at least partially received through said slots to secure said braces to said upright.

8. (Previously Presented) The elevator car assembly as recited in claim 2, wherein said brace includes a slot near an end of said brace that cooperates with said platform such that said end is adjustable relative to said platform to alter a position of said platform relative to said plank beam.

9. (Previously Presented) The elevator car assembly as recited in claim 8, wherein said brace includes a second slot near an opposite end of said brace that cooperates with said upright such that said opposite end is adjustable relative to said upright to alter a position of said platform.

10. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the platform is adjustable relative to the frame in at least a first direction ~~(A)~~ within a plane of said platform and in a second direction ~~(B)~~ that is not parallel to said plane.

11. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 1, including a plurality of fixed length braces securing said platform in a selected position relative to said frame.

12. (Currently Amended) An elevator car frame assembly comprising:
a first upright;
a second upright;
a horizontal member secured between said first upright and said second upright;
a platform at least partially adjustably supported upon said horizontal member such that an amount of the platform on each of opposite sides of the uprights is selectively adjustable for balancing said assembly; and
at least one brace adjustably securing said platform into a selected position relative to at least said first upright ~~for balancing said assembly~~.

13. (Previously Presented) The elevator car frame assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein said brace comprises a slot and including a fastener that is at least partially received through said slot to secure said brace to one of said platform or said first upright, said slot having a dimension that is larger than a dimension of said fastener to permit said brace to be longitudinally moveable relative to said fastener into a selected position.

14. (Previously Presented) The elevator car frame assembly as recited in claim 13, wherein said brace comprises a second slot and including a second fastener that is at least partially received through said second slot to secure said brace to the other of said platform or said first upright, said slot having a dimension that is larger than a dimension of said fastener to permit said brace to be longitudinally moveable relative to said fastener into a selected position.

15. (Previously Presented) The elevator car frame assembly as recited in claim 12, comprising a plurality of fixed-length braces adjustably mounted to said platform and said uprights.

16. (Previously Presented) The elevator car frame assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein said platform has a plurality of layers separated by a plurality of isolation pads, said isolation pads having an equal weight distribution thereon.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a portion of an elevator car assembly comprising the steps of:

- (1) placing a platform upon a plank beam; and
- (2) adjusting a position of the platform relative to the plank beam to selectively distribute ~~the platform weight relative to~~ an amount of the platform on each of opposite sides of the plank beam to thereby balance the car assembly.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 17, including adjusting a position of at least one brace extending between the platform and an upright secured to the plank beam.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 17, comprising securing a cab to the platform and subsequently adjusting the position of the platform with respect to the plank beam.

20. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 17, including supporting the car assembly in a hoistway and subsequently adjusting a position of the platform relative to the plank beam to thereby level the assembly within the hoistway.

21. (New) A method as recited in claim 17, comprising
supporting the car assembly in a hoistway relative to guiderails;
allowing the car assembly to tilt relative to the guiderails based upon a current weight distribution of the car assembly;
adjusting a position of the platform relative to the plank beam to thereby change the weight distribution of the car assembly within the hoistway.